

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE PLANNING

Call to Order: By Chairman Dave Kasten, on January 23, 2007 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 350 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Dave Kasten, Chairman (R)
Sen. Mike Cooney, Vice Chairman (D)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)
Rep. Tim Callahan (D)
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Rep. John Sinrud (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present:

Donci Bardash, Committee Secretary
Nancy Hall, OBPP
Amy Carlson, OBPP
Catherine Duncan, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 6, 1/3/2007; HB 8, 1/3/2007;
HB 222, 1/3/2007
Executive Action: None.

00:00:06 Rep. Kasten

00:01:07 Pam Smith, Department of Natural Resources and
Conservation (DNRC)

[EXHIBIT\(jlh15a01\)](#)

CONTINUED JOINT HEARING ON HB 6 AND HB 8

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:27 Rep. Kasten

PRESENTATION ON MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY:

00:01:31 Ms. Smith

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:36 Denine Schmitz, Montana State University

[EXHIBIT\(jlh15a02\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:08:56 Rep. Hollenbaugh

00:09:07 Ms. Schmitz

00:10:18 Rep. Hollenbaugh

PRESENTATION ON BYNUM TETON COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT:

00:11:05 Ms. Smith

Proponents' Testimony:

00:12:26 Bob Church, Bynum Water District

00:14:34 Billy Walker, Bynum resident

[EXHIBIT\(jlh15a03\)](#)

00:16:36 Vernon Andersen, Bynum Water and Sewer District

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:19:00 Rep. Kasten

00:19:46 Mr. Walker

00:19:35 Rep. Kasten

00:19:57 Mr. Walker

00:20:18 Rep. Kasten

00:20:23 Mr. Walker

PRESENTATION ON PETROLIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT:

00:21:09 Ms. Smith

Proponents' Testimony:

00:22:05 Sue McKenna, Petrolia Irrigation District

00:25:46 Paul McKenna, Petrolia Irrigation District water-user

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:27:00 Rep. Kasten

00:27:15 Ms. McKenna

PRESENTATION ON YELLOWSTONE CONSERVATION DISTRICT:

00:28:01 Ms. Smith

Proponents' Testimony:

00:29:12 Harold Zeiler, Yellowstone County Board of Supervisors

00:33:27 Gay Easton, Yellowstone Conservation District

00:36:04 John Olson, Montana Bureau of Mines

00:37:08 Sarah Carlson, Montana Association of Conservation
Districts

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:37:53 Rep. Kasten

00:38:39 Mr. Olson

PRESENTATION ON STILLWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT:

00:40:05 Ms. Smith

Proponents' Testimony:

00:41:16 Rep. Kasten

00:41:23 Bob Van Oosten, Stillwater Conservation District

[EXHIBIT\(jlh15a04\)](#)

00:43:42 John Carrel, Stillwater Conservation District

[EXHIBIT\(jlh15a05\)](#)

00:45:48 Mr. Olson

00:47:34 Ms. Carlson

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

PRESENTATION ON CARBON CONSERVATION DISTRICT:

00:49:06 Bob Fischer, DNRC

Proponents' Testimony:

00:49:53 Alan Nelson, Carbon County Conservation District
[EXHIBIT\(jlh15a06\)](#)

00:53:51 John Prinkki, Carbon County Commission

00:54:28 Ms. Carlson

00:54:52 Rep. Scott Boggio, HD 59, Red Lodge

00:55:24 John Wright, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

PRESENTATION ON MEAGHER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT:

00:56:52 Mr. Fischer

[EXHIBIT\(jlh15a07\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

00:59:00 Ms. Miller

FURTHER PROPONENTS OF STILLWATER COUNTY

00:59:26 Sen. Robert Story, SD 30, Park City

PRESENTATION ON DEER LODGE VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT:

01:00:35 Ms. Smith

Proponents' Testimony:

01:01:49 Scott Payne, Kirk Engineering

01:05:02 Renee Meyers, Upper Clark Fork

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:07:45 Rep. Hollenbaugh
01:08:12 Mr. Payne
01:10:25 Rep. Kasten
01:10:44 Ms. Smith
01:11:16 Rep. Kasten
01:11:28 Mr. Payne
01:12:11 Rep. Kasten
01:12:16 Mr. Payne

PRESENTATION ON CITY OF RONAN:

01:13:27 Mr. Fischer

Proponents' Testimony:

01:14:50 Shari Halloran, Thomas, Dean and Hoskins
[EXHIBIT\(jlh15a08\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:17:15 Sen. Barkus
01:17:43 Ms. Halloran
01:19:29 Sen. Barkus
01:19:57 Ms. Halloran
01:21:15 Sen. Barkus
01:21:24 Ms. Halloran
01:21:42 Rep. Kasten
01:21:44 Ms. Halloran
01:21:54 Rep. Kasten
01:21:57 Ms. Halloran
01:22:46 Ms. Miller

01:23:48 Break
01:59:22 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 222

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:59:39 Rep. Llew Jones (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on
HB 222, Fund economic analysis of irrigated
agriculture.

[EXHIBIT\(jlh15a09\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

02:05:07 Paul Tuss, Bear Paw Development
02:05:56 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association
02:06:59 Katie Kassmier, Montana Farmers Union
02:07:34 Ms. Carlson
02:08:10 Steve Pilcher, Montana Stockgrowers Association
02:09:27 Megan Brower, Montana Farm Bureau
02:09:57 Gary Amestoy, West Grain Irrigation District
02:15:40 Matt Jergeson, MMI Engineering
02:17:38 Pat Torgerson, Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE)
02:18:45 Vern Stokes, Pondera County
02:19:48 Sen. Jerry Black, SD 14, Shelby

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

02:23:03 Ray Beck, DNRC
02:23:33 Sen. Brueggeman

Further Proponents:

02:23:49 Sen. Donald Steinbeisser, SD 19, Sidney

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:25:48 Sen. Barkus
02:26:57 Mr. Beck
02:27:48 Sen. Barkus
02:27:52 Rep. Jones
02:30:07 Rep. Kasten
02:31:08 Rep. Jones
02:31:59 Mr. Beck
02:33:20 Rep. Kasten
02:34:15 Mr. Beck
02:34:55 Rep. Hollenbaugh
02:35:41 Mr. Beck

Closing by Sponsor:

02:36:43 Rep. Jones
02:39:04 Rep. Kasten

**PRESENTATION ON RENEWABLE RESOURCES GRANTS AND LOAN (RRGL)
DEVELOPMENT GRANTS/ RRGL IRRIGATION GRANTS**

02:39:30 Mr. Beck

Proponents' Testimony:

02:40:52 Pat Riley, DNRC

02:46:12 Rep. Kasten

[EXHIBIT\(jlh15a10\)](#)

02:46:39 Jon Reiter, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology

02:47:32 Rep. Kasten

02:48:10 Mr. Jergeson

02:50:09 Mr. Amestoy

02:52:21 Rep. Kasten

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Discussion:

02:53:11 Ms. Duncan

02:55:40 Rep. Kasten

02:56:12 Mr. Beck

02:56:57 Rep. Kasten

02:58:19 Mr. Beck

02:59:03 Mr. Fischer

03:00:21 Rep. Kasten

03:00:24 Mr. Fischer

03:00:35 Ms. Duncan

03:01:35 Rep. Kasten

Closing by Sponsor:

03:02:09 Rep. Kasten

Additional Exhibits:

Document pertaining to HB 6 and HB 8 project heard on January 19, 2007 but received after completion of minutes.

[EXHIBIT\(jlh15a11\)](#)

Document pertaining to HB 6 and HB 8 project heard between January 15-18, 2007 but received after completion of minutes.

[EXHIBIT\(jlh15a12\)](#)

Document pertaining to all projects in HB 6 and HB 8.

[EXHIBIT\(jlh15a13\)](#)

Document pertaining to all projects in HB 6 and HB 8.

[EXHIBIT\(jlh15a14\)](#)

Document distributed for committee business.

[EXHIBIT\(jlh15a15\)](#)

ADJOURNMENT

03:02:11 Adjournment: 11:02 A.M.

REP. DAVE KASTEN, Chairman

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([jlh15aad.pdf](#))